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QURAN

TWO TALES:

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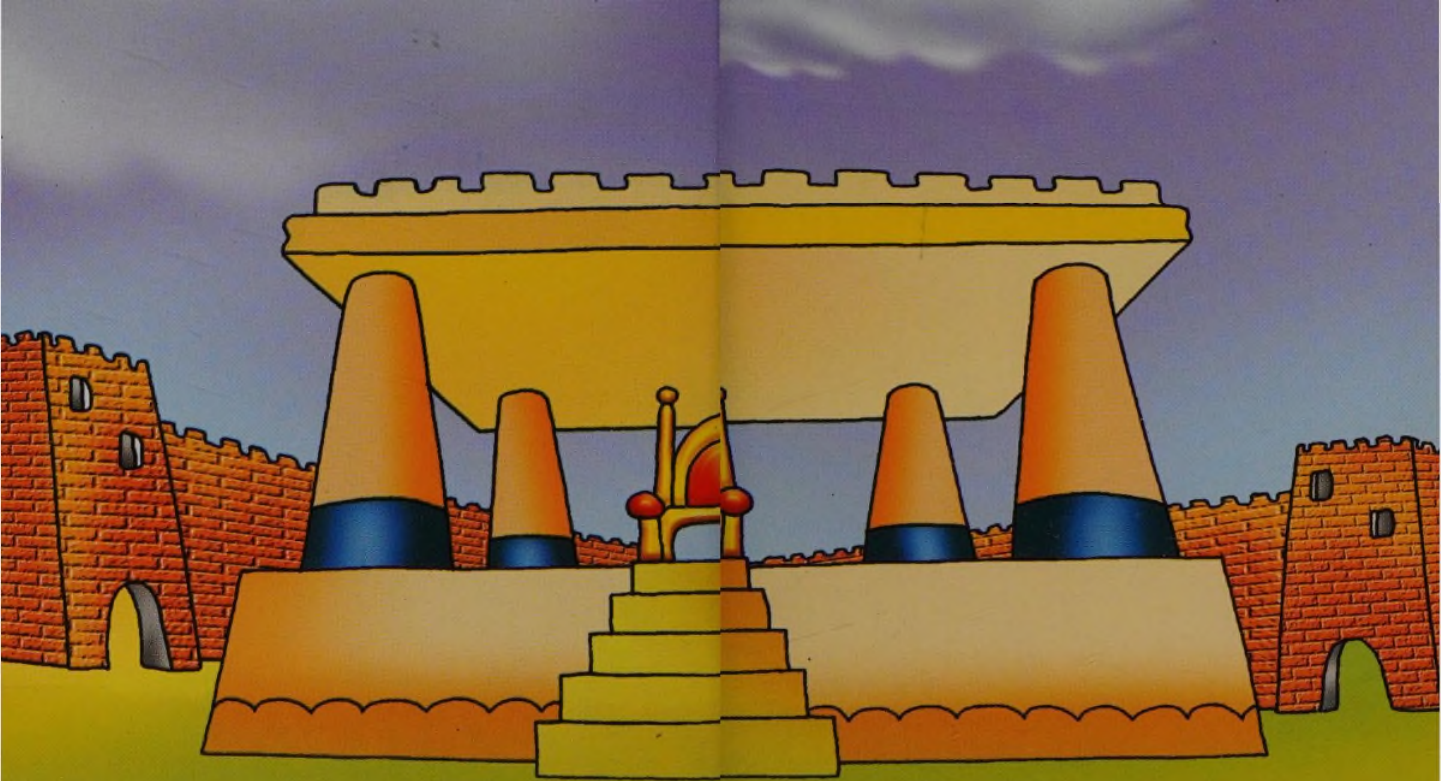
# The Iron Wall

SURAH KAHF 18:83-98



Long long ago, during the sixth century B.C. there was a magnificent king whose name was Dhul Qarnayn. He made military conquests from the Aegean Sea to the Indus River. His sway extended over East and West.

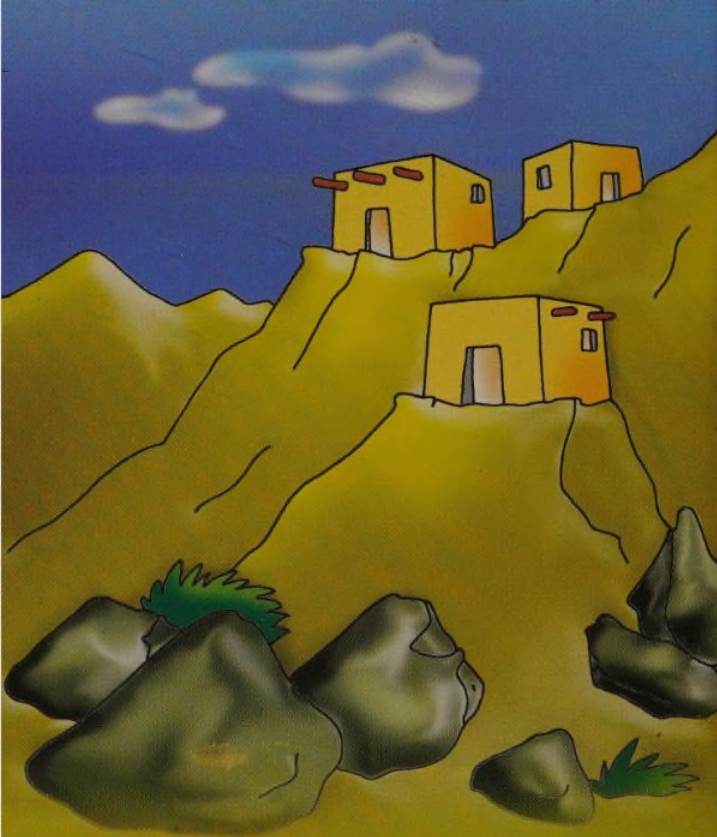
He was just and righteous, protecting the weak and punishing the law-breakers. When Dhul Qarnayn took his armies to the North-East of Iran, he reached the Caucasus mountain range which runs between the Caspian and the Black Seas.



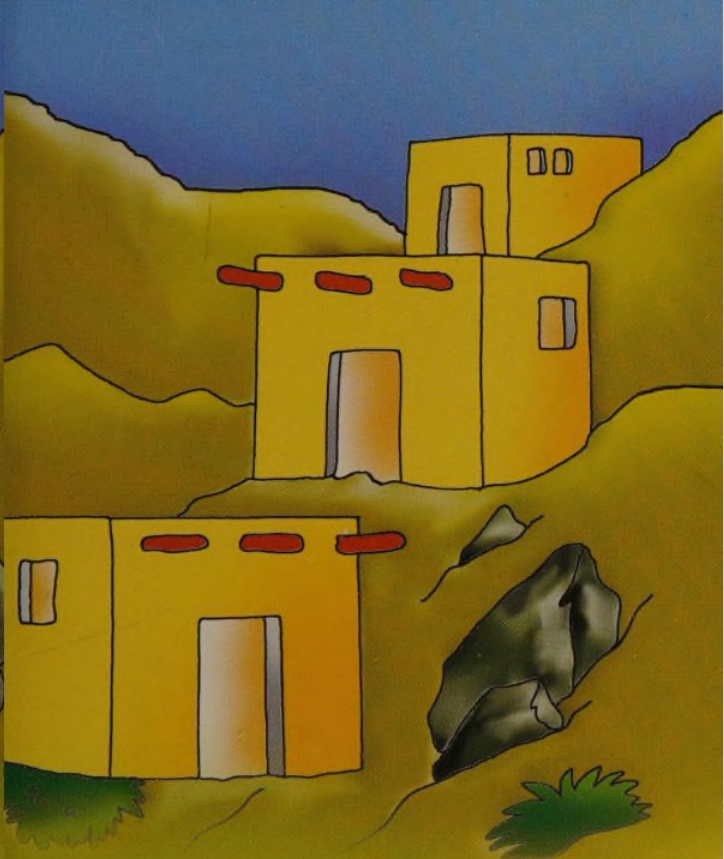
On these journeys he met different tribes in different places. Once he met a tribe whose members were hardly able to communicate with him.

Once, in that region, he met a tribe who begged him to protect them from the wild tribes, the Yajuj and the Majuj (Gog and Magog) who kept coming through the mountain passes, and attacking them.





Dhul Qarnayn said, "Lend me a body of men, and I will raise a wall between you and them. Come, bring me blocks of iron."



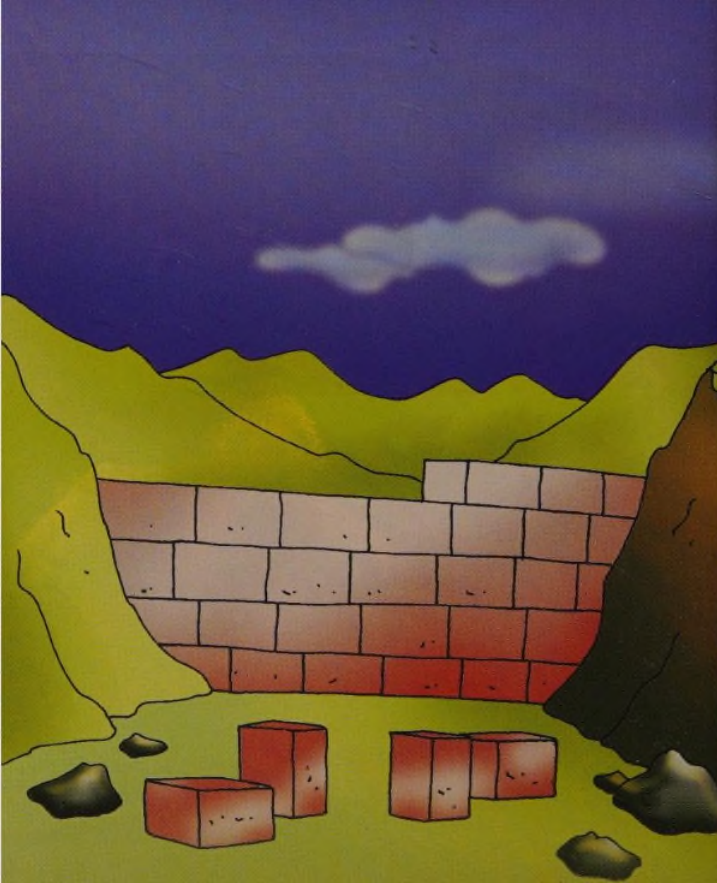


He told them to ply their bellows and when the iron blocks which they brought became red hot, Dhul Qarnayn asked them to pour molten brass on them.

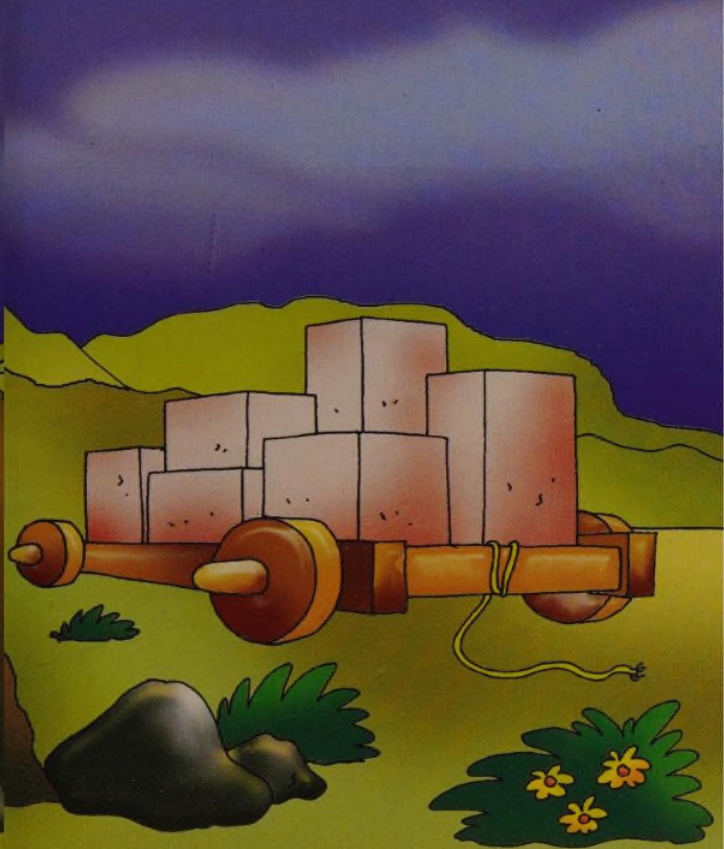


In this way he helped in damming up the valley between the two mountains. In this way, Dhul Qarnayn erected an Iron Wall to save them from Yajuj and Majuj.





After conquering a major part of the then inhabited world and building an iron wall, Dhul Qarnayn lost none of his humility.



He gave the entire credit for these feats to the blessing of Allah. Of the iron wall he had built, he said:

"This is a blessing from my Lord. But when the promise of my Lord will come to pass, He will make it to dust. And the promise of my Lord is true."

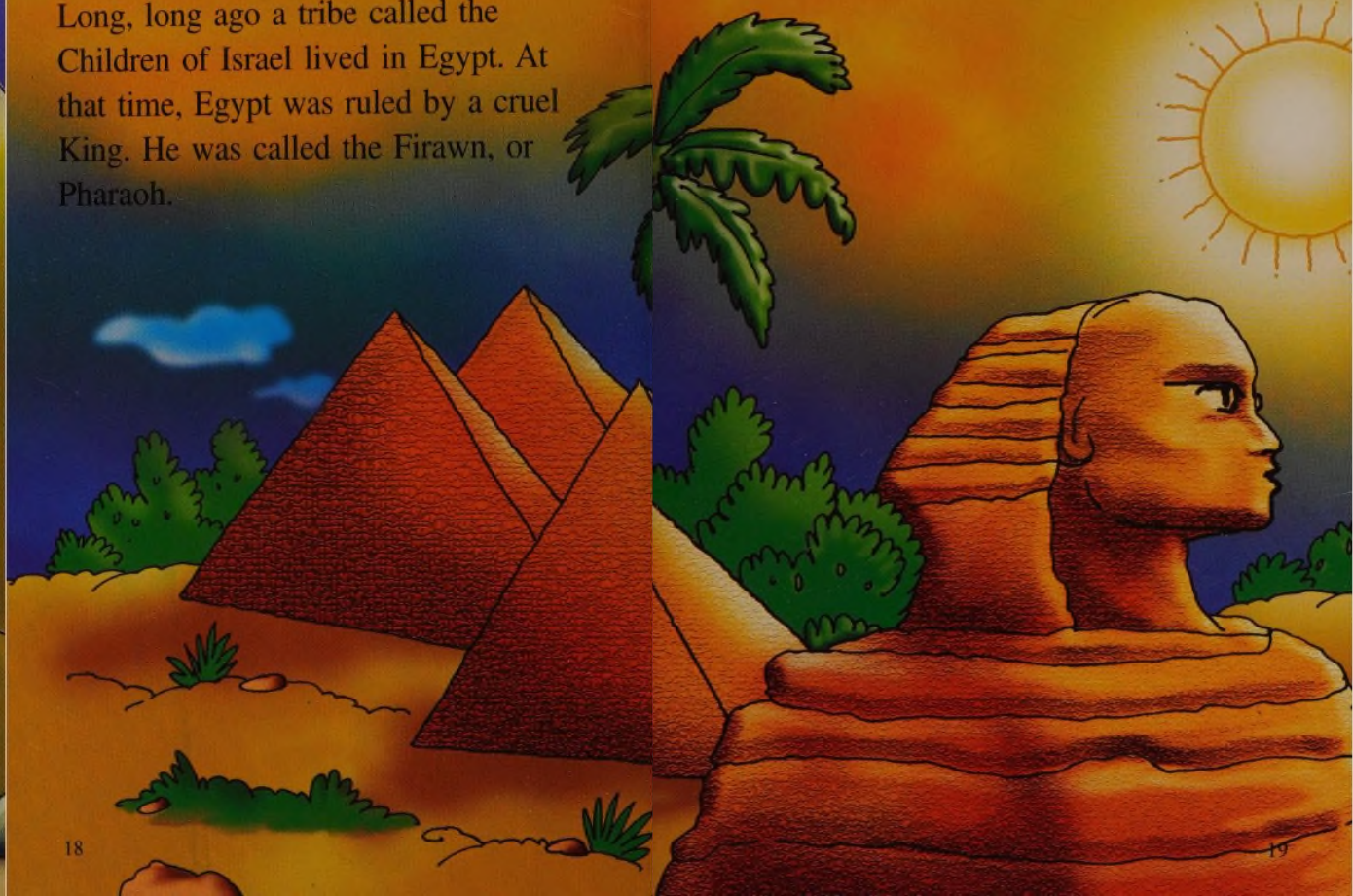




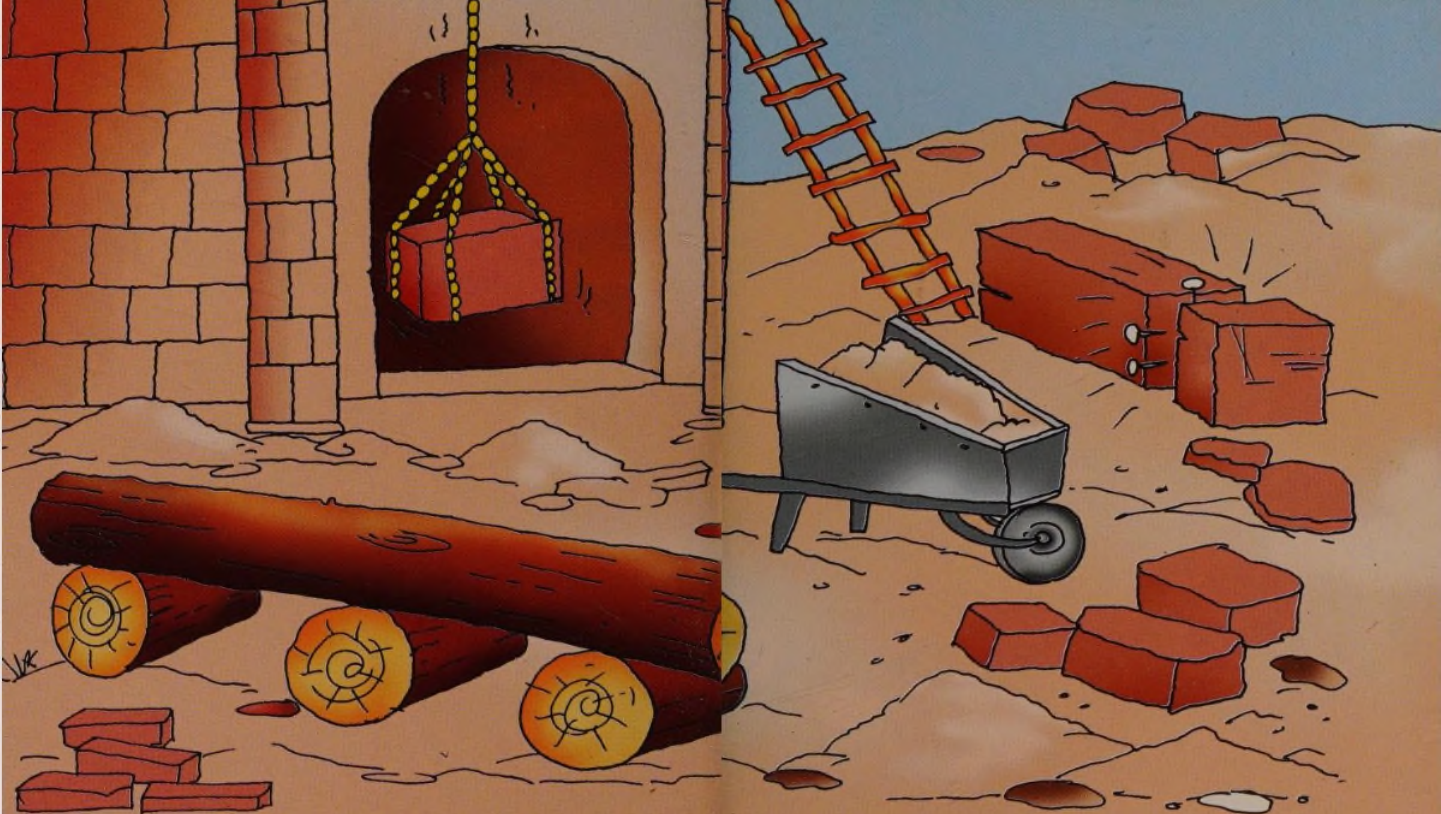
# The Queen of Egypt

SURAH TA HA 20:38-40; AL-QASAS 28:7-13

Long, long ago a tribe called the Children of Israel lived in Egypt. At that time, Egypt was ruled by a cruel King. He was called the Firawn, or Pharaoh.





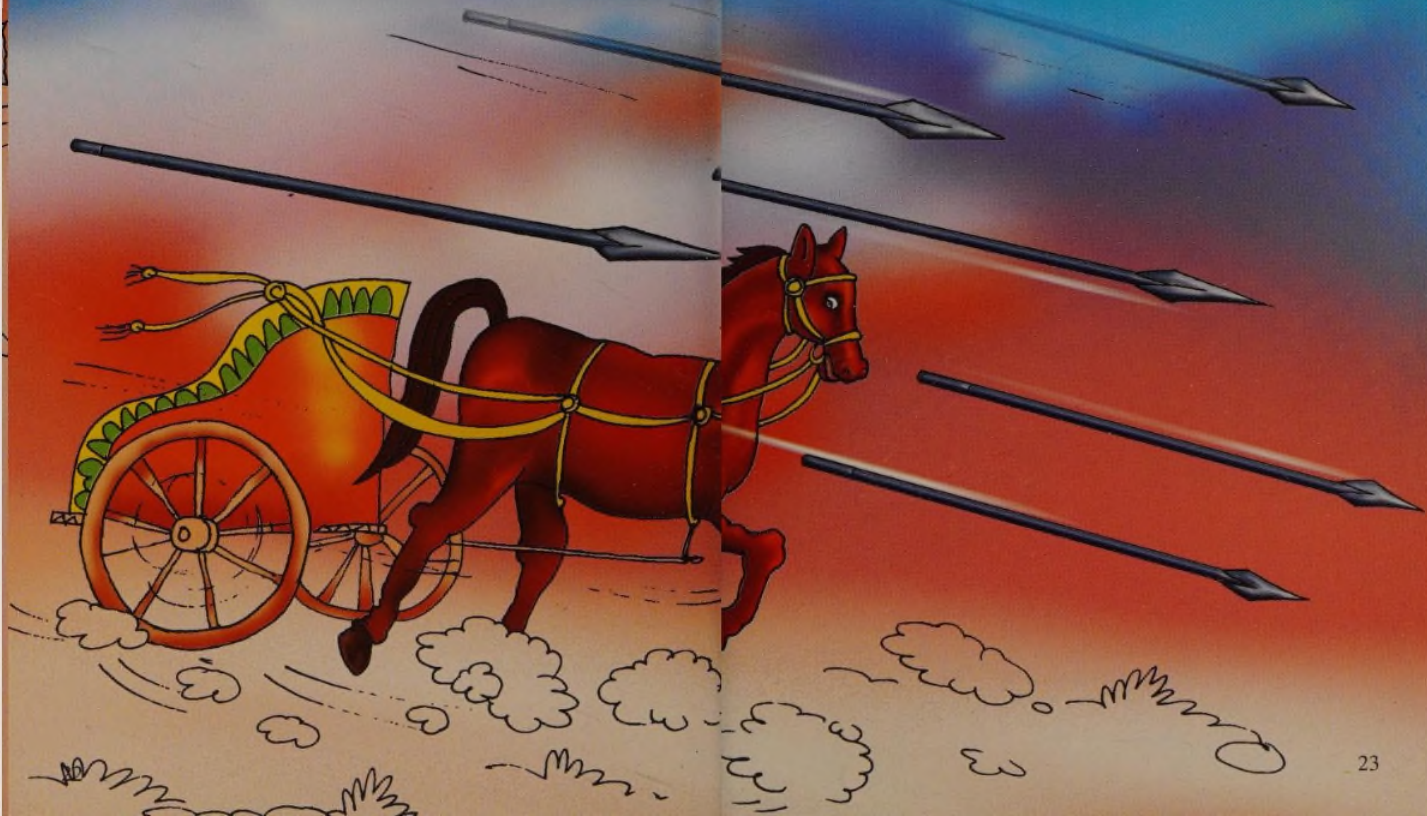


He made the Children of Israel his slaves.  
He made them do hard labour. One day, a  
soothsayer told the Firawn that a boy born  
into the Children of Israel would destroy  
him and his kingdom.

When the Firawn heard this, he ordered  
the killing of all the new-born boys of  
the Children of Israel. Only their  
daughters were to be spared.

During these hard times, there lived a pious woman of the Children of Israel. Her name was Yukabid, and Imran was her husband. She gave birth to a beautiful boy named Moses or Musa عليه السلام.

Musa's parents felt afraid of the cruel soldiers of the Firawn. The soldiers would kill little Musa عليه السلام too. But something unusual happened.





Allah told Yukabid that her child was very special. He would one day become a great prophet. Allah promised her that the baby would be safe. He would also be returned to her.



To save the baby Musa عليه السلام, his mother put him in a box and floated him down the river. As the box floated down the river, Musa's sister Miriam kept a watch on him.





The box sailed along gently. It stopped at a bank near the royal palace. Now, the Queen of Egypt was a good and kind-hearted woman.

When she saw the helpless baby, she felt great pity for him. She decided to keep the baby in the palace. She wanted to bring him up as her own child. And so baby Musa عليه السلام was saved.





This story teaches us that we should be kind and gentle towards others.



ﷺ *Alayhis Salam* 'May peace be upon him.'  
The customary blessing on the prophets.

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